

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Families serve as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support and they are the foundation of our communities, our state, and our nation; and,

Whereas, Many children and elderly residents reside with and/or are cared for by other family members, both formally and informally; and,

Whereas, Family members open their homes and hearts to provide a source of love, support, and belonging to their kin in times of need. They play a vital role in helping families remain strong and connected; and,

Whereas, Dedicated kinship families know no boundaries of race, creed, culture, or social status; and,

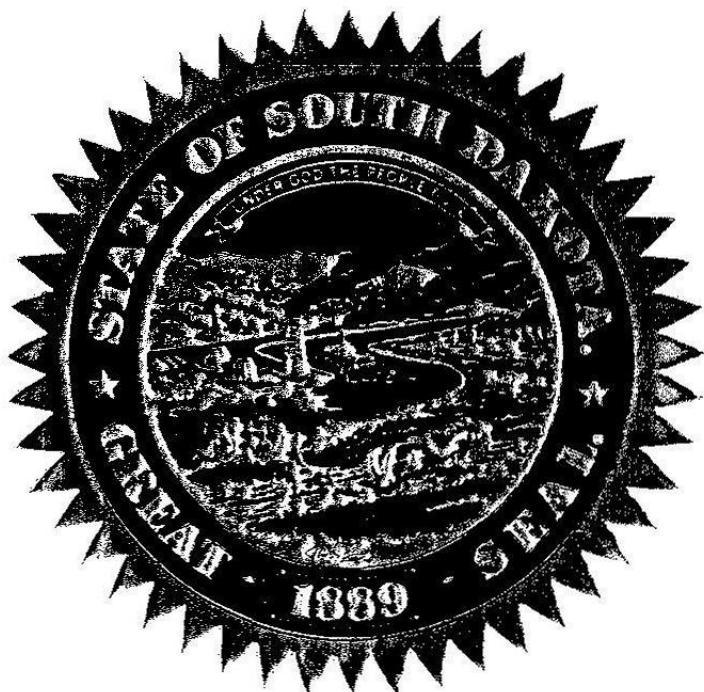
Whereas, There are numerous tribal, state, and local agencies who encourage and support kinship care and acknowledge the enduring and valuable contribution of kinship providers; and,

Whereas, September 2007 has been designated as South Dakota's First Annual Kinship Appreciation and Awareness Month:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2007 as

KINSHIP APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State